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Applicant : Stephen L. Willis
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PLANARIZATION OF
CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL
Examiner : Jose R. Diaz
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2003 (Paper No. 15) and to the personal interview between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned representative held July 11, 2003, the Applicant amends the above-identified application as follows and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected Claims 30-37 and 56-62 based on the interview and on the following amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.